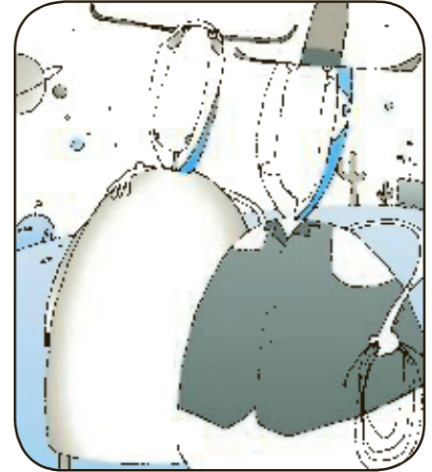




Spelling and Plurals

Developing spelling skills takes time and patience. Using your spell checker and a dictionary can help. (See pages 686, 688, and 698 in *Texas Write Source* to review rules about spelling correctly. Also use the guide on pages 701–707.)



Directions

Complete the following sentences by writing the correctly spelled word in parentheses on the line provided. The first sentence has been done for you.

1. At *rodeos* , cowboys show their skills at *handling* cattle.
(*rodeos, rodeoes*) (*handleing, handling*)
2. At these competitions, _____ skills are important.
(*rideing, riding*)
3. Steer _____ is a popular event for competitors.
(*wrestleing, wrestling*)
4. _____ is another name for this event.
(*Bulldogging, Bulldoging*)
5. In this event, the cowboy tries _____ the horns of the steer
(*grabbing, grabing*)
to twist the head of the animal to one side.
6. The steer loses its balance, _____ it to fall to the ground.
(*forcing, forceing*)
7. Calf _____ is another important skill for ranchers and cowboys.
(*ropeing, roping*)
8. The cowboy _____ the calf with a _____ rope.
(*lassoes, lassos*) (*looped, loopped*)
9. The cowboy then _____ together three of the calf's _____.
(*ties, tys*) (*feet, feets*)

10. In barrel _____, competitors ride horses around barrels.
(*racing, raceing*)
11. Some may _____ rodeos are dangerous for the animals.
(*believe, beleive*)
12. However, people are _____ not to hurt the animals.
(*careful, carful*)
13. While _____ these animals, the cowboys are practicing
(*battleing, battling*)
skills that will help them in _____ their livestock.
(*raiseing, raising*)
14. My family and _____ are _____ to helping
(*freinds, friends*) (*committed, commited*)
_____ understand the sport.
(*children, childrens*)
15. In junior rodeos, kids rope goats instead of _____, but
(*calves, calfs*)
_____ of those animals is easy to rope.
(*niether, neither*)
16. Rodeo clowns throw _____ of confetti to distract angry bulls.
(*handfuls, handsful*)
17. At the _____ of their act, some clowns play _____.
(*beginning, begining*) (*banjoes, banjos*)
18. Rodeo cowboys compete by riding _____, bulls, and broncos.
(*steers, steerres*)
19. Professional rodeo cowboys buy _____ hats and boots at the many
(*their, thier*)

Cowboy Country Stores located in the western United States.

Next Step Write a paragraph about an interesting sports event. Edit your paragraph for correct spelling. Share the paragraph with a classmate. Ask the classmate to check your writing for correct spelling and use of plurals.